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Meinke (U.S. Patent No. 4,236,426) and Kato  
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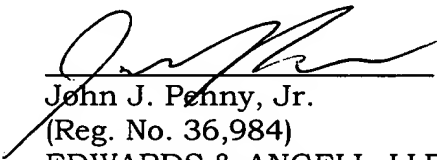
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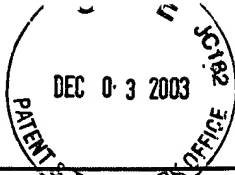
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